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Fertilizers Measure Ignorance.

W. J. Newman, Commissioner of Agriculture, yesterday injected spirit into the morning session with an up-
surging arraignment of the evils which he said, follow the reckless use of commercial fertilizers. To this failing he attributed a large measure of the burden which Southern farmers bear to-day.

"Any man that farms with commercial fertilizers alone will land in the poor-house sooner or later," said Mr. Newman. "You can add to the sum paid annually by Southern farmers for this item you will have an accurate measure of their ignorance and the annual waste of their unskilled tillage."

The Southern farmer, he said, depends on his fertilizer for the life of his soil. It is much 'in the same manner as the man who goes to the corner drug store for the pill which is attributed with power to cure all human ailments.

"There is no relief from the present conditions until the farmers of the South learn, through the experiment stations and other agencies, that nature has provided in abundance the fertilizing constituents, that mixture of air and water and soil, and rotation, and farm-produced fertilizers

the chief trouble lies not in the production of the staple, but in its distribution. Under present conditions, he said, the cotton grower is practically helpless against the forces that oppress him on his crop. If he is an independent planter, he is still at the mercy of his local banker, whose course is dictated by the reserve banks in the large cities.

The remedy for the condition, said Senator McLaurein, lies in the creation by the State of warehouse depositories, which will issue receipts for the cotton, issuing warehouse receipts for it, which, with the guarantee of the State behind them, will be easily negotiable in any money centre. Farmers' warehouses, he said, have been organized for the same and similar purposes, he said, have proved of no avail in solving the problem, and the only remedy is in State intervention.

Senator McLaurein said he believed that he has already framed a bill embodying the warehouse plan outlined, and that the Senate of South Carolina had passed it. He expected to introduce the measure in the future. The plan, he said, will give the South Carolina planter a chance to get one crop ahead, and once in that position the other reforms will follow easily.

Meeting.

C. C. Caldwell, of Lakewood, Minn.

Leonard Robinson, of New York, told the conference that Southern agriculture stood most in need of new blood—new men, he said, have for many years taken the place of the old. Ablest young men, and others are asked to take their place. He advised the creation of local committees in contact with the task of passing upon the suggestions of the young men, and the representatives of the United States and Europe. The former would be materially aided, he said, if the Southern States would adopt rigid laws against espionage, and if they by their fraudulent practices lured the foreign brought Southern land into disrepute.

James Speed, of Louisville, Ky., de-

and affectionately of United States Senator Knute Nelson, of that State. They all call him "Xoot."

The Great Hall, a room, formerly the home of the Scotch Club Justice, will be open to all visitors to the conference to-day from 9 to 5 o'clock. A meeting of the Maine Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will receive.

The receptions at the Valentine Museum and at the Art Club will continue through the afternoon.

It is necessary to secure tickets at the conference office, because of the limited space. The Confederate Museum will have all the extras of the conference wearing badges.

State Board of Health Will Co-Operate in Teaching Sanitation in the Country.

Charlotte Wants Conference.
Charles C. Hook, president of the Greater Charlotte Club; J. Frank Wilkes, chairman of the convention committee, and C. C. Moore arrived here yesterday from the hustling Carolina town to capture the next annual meeting of the Conference for Education in the South. They got to work right away, and while they received no definite or final promises, they were

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